

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

1.) Claim Amendments

Claims 1, 3, 4, 18, 41, 46 and 48 have been amended and claims 2, 5, 42 and 47 have been cancelled. Accordingly, claims 1, 3-4, 6-41, 43-46 and 48-67 remain pending in the application. Favorable reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested in view of the foregoing amendments and the following remarks.

2.) Allowable Subject Matter

The Examiner indicated on the Office Action Summary that claims 53-66 were allowed. In the Detailed Action, however, the Examiner states that claims 53-57 and 60-66 are allowed. Whereas claims 58-59 are dependent from claim 53 and include the limitations of thereof, those claims should also be listed in the Detailed Action as allowable. The Applicant assumes that the Detailed Action contains a typographical error and that all of claims 53-59 are allowable.

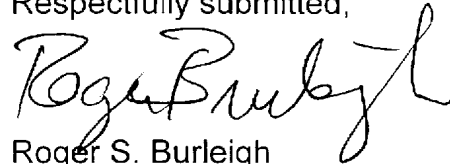
The Examiner also indicated that claims 2, 3, 5-18, 21-34, 42-45 and 47-52 were objected to as dependent upon rejected base claims, but that they would be allowable if rewritten in independent form, including all of the limitations of their respective base claim and any intervening claims. The Applicant has amended independent Claim 1 to include the allowable subject matter of claim 2; amended independent Claim 4 to include the allowable subject matter of claim 5; amended independent Claim 41 to include the allowable subject matter of claim 42; and amended independent Claim 46 to include the allowable subject matter of claim 47. Accordingly, independent claims 1, 4, 41 and 46 are now allowable. Furthermore, whereas claims 3, 6, 8, 10, 12, 15, 19, 21, 24, 27, 30, 33 and 35 are dependent from claim 1; claims 7, 9, 11, 13-14, 16-18, 20, 22-23, 25-26, 28-29, 31-32, 34, 36 and 67 are dependent from claim 4; claims 43-45, 49 and 51 are dependent from claim 41; and claims 48, 50 and 52 are dependent from claim 46, and include the limitations of their respective base claims, those claims are also now allowable.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, the Applicant believes all of the claims currently pending in the Application to be in a condition for allowance. The Applicant, therefore, respectfully requests that the Examiner withdraw all rejections and issue a Notice of Allowance for claims 1, 3-4, 6-41, 43-46 and 48-67.

The Applicant requests a telephonic interview if the Examiner has any questions or requires any additional information that would further or expedite the prosecution of the Application.

Respectfully submitted,



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